

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA *ex rel.*
ANDY COSENTINO,

STATE OF WASHINGTON, *ex rel.* ANDY
COSENTINO,

Plaintiffs,

v.

SWEDISH HEALTH SYSTEM, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C19-86 RSM

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ORDER

The United States of America and the and the State of Washington (collectively, the “Governmental Entities”) have filed an *ex parte* Application for an order partially lifting the seal in this case so that they may, at their discretion, (a) inform Defendants of the existence of this *qui tam* action and (b) provide Defendants with a copy of the Complaint. Such an extension of time is expressly contemplated by the False Claims Act and the Washington State Medicaid Fraud False Claims Act, which provide that the United States and the State of Washington, respectively, “may, for good cause shown” move the Court for extensions of time. 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(3); RCW

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74.66.050(3). The Court finds that the *ex parte* Application establishes good cause. Additionally, The Court is satisfied that a partial lifting of the seal is consistent with the seal provisions of the False Claims Act and may expedite the Governmental Entities' investigation and possible resolution of this matter.

Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that the Governmental Entities' *Ex Parte* Application for Partial Lifting of Seal shall be granted in order that the Governmental Entities, in their discretion, may disclose the existence of this *qui tam* action and provide a copy of the Complaint to Defendants. The Clerk shall otherwise maintain the Complaint and other filings under seal for the duration of the Governmental Entities' investigation or until otherwise ordered by the Court.

DATED this 22nd day of February 2019.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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